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"Nepal's new tiger population estimate shows that it is possible to save a species from the brink of extinction."

–Ginette Hemley of the World Wildlife Fund

DID YOU KNOW?
Nearly 63% of US students who graduated from high school in 2020 enrolled in college.

In the US, 30% of college students borrow money from the federal government to help pay for their education.

Applications on the rise

The number of applications to college increased by 21.3% since 2019. The percentage rose even more for students of color and people who are the first in their families to apply. Experts said this is because students have been applying to more schools and fewer colleges require applicants to take standardized tests.

US student debt to be forgiven

On August 24, President Joe Biden announced a plan to cancel up to $20,000 in student loan debt for people who borrowed money from the federal government to pay for college. The move will affect about 45.5 million Americans and could erase college debt for about 20 million people.

What is in the loan forgiveness plan?

Biden said the plan will eliminate up to $10,000 in student loans for borrowers who earned less than $125,000 last year. Those who received Pell grants are eligible for another $10,000 in loan forgiveness. Pell grants are a form of aid the federal government provides for college students from low-income families. The plan will also continue a policy that allowed borrowers to temporarily stop making loan payments during the Covid-19 pandemic. That rule has been extended through December 31. In addition, the plan puts a limit on the amount most borrowers can be asked to pay each month.

President Joe Biden

What is a student loan?

A student loan is money that people borrow to help pay for their education. As with most other kinds of loans, the money is paid back over time, with interest (the amount a lender charges for the loan—usually a percentage of the amount loaned). Student loans are different from grants and scholarships, which don't need to be repaid. The federal government provides student loans, and they are also available through banks, credit unions, and other financial institutions. Federal loans are less expensive for the borrower and usually come with more benefits than private loans.

Why is this significant?

Many people want to attend college to get a start in their career and make more money. People with a college degree earn an average of $33,000 more per year than those without one. Since 1980, however, the cost of a college education has nearly tripled, leading more students to borrow money to pay for it. The average amount of debt for one student was $28,400 in 2020. In total, Americans owe about $1.6 trillion in government student loans. Many people say their loan payments make it hard for them to afford other things. People with student loan debt are 36% less likely to purchase a house, for example. About half of all borrowers are still paying off loans 20 years after taking them out.

How did people react?

Biden said the move will help Americans. "All of this means people can start finally to climb out from under that mountain of debt," he said. Marlene Ramirez, 25, who earned a college degree in 2020, told *The New York Times* that the plan will cancel $20,000 of her $25,000 debt. "This is life-changing," she said. Some elected officials criticized the move. The plan is estimated to cost the US government between $300 billion and $600 billion, which they said will add to inflation (increase in the cost of goods and services). Some also said the money would be better spent addressing larger issues, such as the rising cost of college. "It doesn't address the root problems that make college unaffordable," said Catherine Cortez Masto, a US senator from Nevada.

What will happen next?

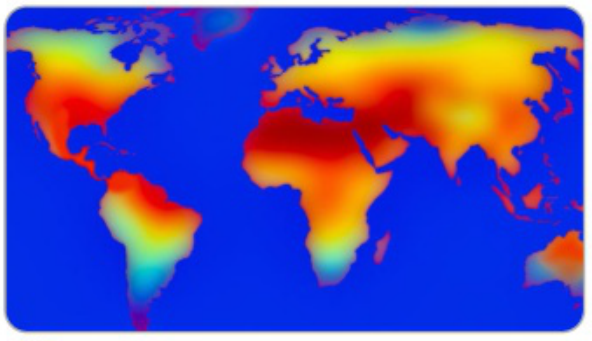
The US Department of Education said that in the weeks ahead, nearly 8 million borrowers will have their loans dismissed automatically because the agency already has records showing their income. Others can apply for loan forgiveness when the application becomes available before the end of this year.

Heat waves could soon have names

Following record-setting temperatures around the world, some scientists have proposed naming heat waves like they name other extreme weather events, such as hurricanes. The goal is to raise awareness about the dangers of heat waves, which are a public health threat.

Extreme heat leads to thousands of deaths around the world every year. "Heat, unlike other natural disasters, is silent and often not seen," said Kurt Shickman, a scientist who is advocating for naming heat waves. He said that doing so could prompt communities and individuals to take steps to prepare for them. Other scientists and agencies, such as the World Meteorological Organization, cast doubt on whether naming heat waves would have an impact.

Some cities are already taking steps to name heat waves. The first was Seville, Spain, which gave a July heat wave the name Zoe. Other cities considering a naming system include Los Angeles, California; Miami, Florida; and Athens, Greece. Heat waves would also be assigned one of three categories, with Category 3 being the most severe.



Mack Rutherford on his journey

STARTING YOUNG
In 2020, at age 15, Mack Rutherford became the world's youngest licensed pilot.

Teen breaks world flight record

On August 24, 17-year-old Mack Rutherford landed his Shark airplane in Sofia, Bulgaria, and became the youngest person to fly solo around the world. During his five-month journey, he also set a Guinness World Record for being the youngest person to circle the globe in an ultralight plane (a plane with no more than two seats that weighs less than 1,000 pounds).

The previous record holder for the solo flight, Travis Ludlow of the UK, made the journey last year at age 18. Rutherford, who is Belgian and British, was 16 when he departed from Sofia on March 23. He flew about 30,000 miles over 52 countries and spent 221 hours in the air. He stopped in 30 countries along the way to rest and refuel.

There have been pilots in Rutherford's family for generations, including both of his parents. In January, his sister Zara, then age 19, became the youngest woman to fly solo around the world and the first woman to circle the globe in an ultralight plane. Zara offered Mack advice during his trip.

On the journey, Rutherford faced extreme heat in Dubai, sandstorms in Sudan, and heavy rains and airport closures in India. After flying for 10 hours over the Pacific Ocean, he slept in a small shed on Alaska's uninhabited Attu Island.

Despite the challenges, Rutherford described his trip as "absolutely amazing." Although his next goal is to catch up on missed schoolwork, he plans to continue flying. "Just follow your dreams," he said upon landing. "No matter how old you are."

IT'S AN AMAZING WEEK FOR...

A MASSIVE MOTH

An atlas moth has been spotted in the US for the first time. The species, which can measure up to 10 inches wide, typically lives in the tropics. Officials who confirmed the sighting in Washington called the moth a "gee-whiz" insect.

The atlas moth

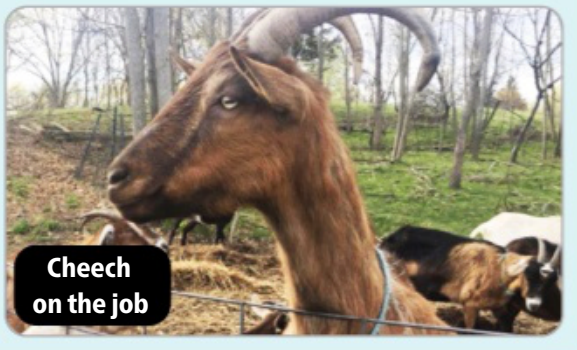
The artists

BUILDING BIG

A group of Chicago teens has gotten creative for a cause. They made a Ukrainian flag out of nearly 5,000 blue and yellow cereal boxes to show their support for the war-torn country. Their 34-by-86-foot project raised more than $27,000, and the cereal will go to a food bank.

A TALENTED GOAT

A goat named Cheech won a talent contest at Riverside Park in New York City. Cheech and his pals Skittles, Elenor, and Big G were brought to the park in June to do their summer job: eating thousands of pounds of problematic plants. People voted online for the top goat, and the winner received a tasty bouquet of weeds.



Cheech on the job

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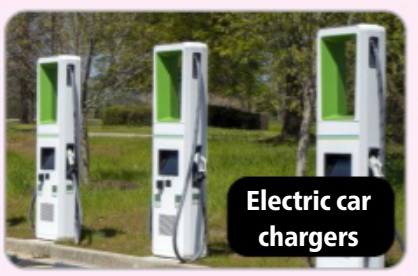
GOING ELECTRIC
US car company General Motors is the fourth largest producer of electric vehicles in the world.

A freeway in Los Angeles, California

Chargers are on the way


Electric car chargers

A federal law passed in 2021 included $7.5 billion to build a nationwide network of 500,000 electric car chargers. All 50 states will receive funds, and chargers will be installed near roads and in shopping centers and other locations. Electric cars currently need to be recharged about every 150 miles.

California to ban sale of gasoline-fueled cars

On August 25, the state of California announced that it will ban the sale of new gasoline-powered cars by 2035. The move is intended to help slow down climate change and is expected to lead to major changes in the auto industry.

What happened?

The California Air Resources Board announced a rule requiring that all new passenger vehicles sold in the state be free of emissions from greenhouse gases (gases that remain in Earth's atmosphere and trap heat, causing the planet to warm) by 2035. The regulation will take effect gradually. By 2026, 35% of all new cars must release zero emissions, and by 2030 that number must reach 68%. People can keep driving gas-fueled vehicles that were bought before 2035, and they will still be able to buy used gas-powered vehicles.

Why was this decision made?

Gas-powered vehicles are the nation's top source of greenhouse-gas emissions. Electric cars, powered by rechargeable batteries, don't emit these gases. California has a specific interest in reducing emissions because it faces many of the consequences of a warming planet, including drought and wildfires. As specified in the Clean Air Act, a law passed in 1970, California is the only state that can establish emissions standards for new cars that are stricter than federal rules. Other states can then adopt California's standards without federal government approval.

What was the reaction?

"This is huge," Margo Oge, an electric vehicle expert, told *The New York Times*. Many car companies said they support California's goals. "General Motors and California have a shared vision of an all-electric future," said Elizabeth Winter, a GM spokesperson. Others, like Ford, said following the new rule could be difficult due to problems getting parts that are needed to make electric cars.

What will happen next?

California will need to generate more electricity so a greater number of electric cars can be charged. More than a dozen states, including Massachusetts and Washington, are expected to follow California's lead and implement the new standards.

WORD OF THE WEEK

PILOT

The first people to be called "pilots" navigated the seas, not the skies, as the word is based on the Greek *pedon*, meaning an "oar" or "rudder." By the 1830s, the term was being used for those who flew hot air balloons, before being transferred to the airplane pilots we know today.

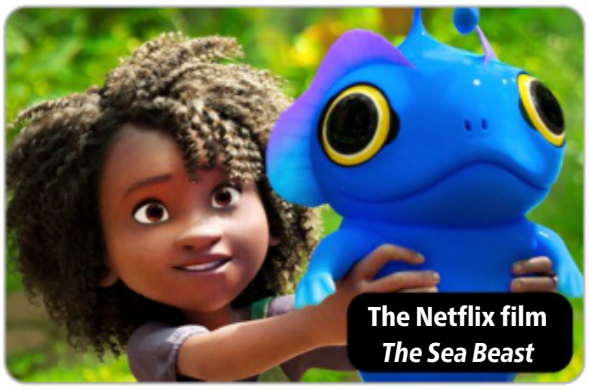
THE WEEK IN HISTORY

September 9, 1791

The nation's capital gets its name

On September 9, 1791, federal leaders named the nation's capital Washington to honor George Washington, the first US President. Washington had chosen the site and had called it Federal City. The city was located in the Territory of Columbia, named for explorer Christopher Columbus. The territory was renamed the District of Columbia in 1871, creating the name Washington, DC.

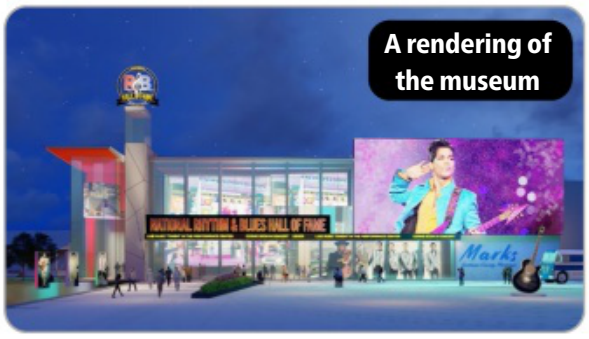
Washington, DC, today



The Netflix film *The Sea Beast*

Streaming tops TV viewership

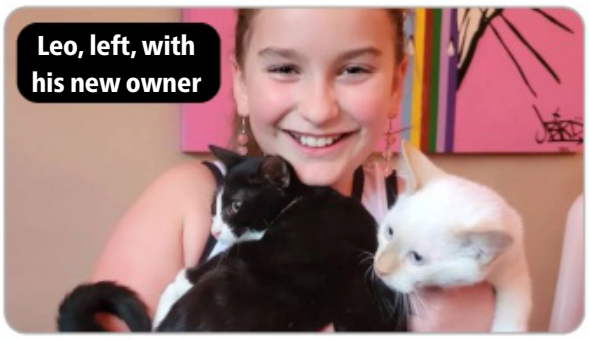
For the first time ever, streaming services had more viewers than broadcast and cable TV companies, according to a monthly viewership report by Nielsen, a firm that analyzes the media. In July, nearly 35% of US viewers watched streaming content, while cable accounted for about 34% and broadcast had about 22%. Netflix, YouTube, and Disney+ were three of the most-watched streaming services.



A rendering of the museum

New music museum to be built

The National Rhythm and Blues Hall of Fame announced plans to build a museum in Marks, Mississippi. The Hall of Fame celebrates rhythm and blues (R&B) music, which originated in Black communities in the 1940s. More than 200 artists have been inducted into the Hall of Fame since its founding in 2010. The mayor of Marks said he hopes the museum raises awareness of the area's musical roots.



Leo, left, with his new owner

Milestone adoption for cat café

Mac Tabby Cat Cafe, a coffee shop and foster home for rescue cats in Charlotte, North Carolina, has celebrated its 1,000th cat adoption. The business, which opened less than five years ago, provides adoption services and also allows customers to make a reservation to spend time with the cats. Leo, the 1,000th cat to be adopted, was described as having a "purr that could move mountains."

Maxwell Frost

DID YOU KNOW?
The youngest person to be elected US President was John F. Kennedy, at age 43.

Young candidate wins nomination in Florida

On August 23, Maxwell Frost won the Democratic nomination for one of Florida's seats in the US House of Representatives (one half of Congress, the branch of government that makes laws). At age 25, he could become the first person of Generation Z (people born from about 1995 to 2012) to be elected to Congress. Members of Congress are required to be at least 25 years old.

Frost defeated nine other candidates who were competing in an election, known as a primary, to choose the Democratic nominee for Florida's 10th District seat. In a primary, voters decide who will represent a political party (usually Democrats or Republicans) in the general election, which occurs on the first Tuesday in November.

Over the past few months, many states have held primary elections to determine who will compete in the general election on November 8. The 2022 election is called a midterm election because it is held halfway through a President's four-year term. (President Joe Biden was elected in 2020.) The entire House and about one third of the Senate (the other half of Congress) will be elected, along with many state and local positions.

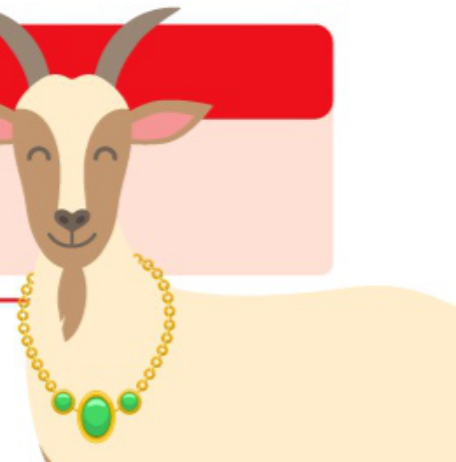
Frost is a community organizer who had never run for office before. He ran a campaign that called for an increase in gun safety laws and an expansion of voting rights. He is also in favor of a government program that would provide healthcare for all Americans. His work as an organizer has focused on helping Black and Latino communities.

Frost told *Business Insider* that he believes his win shows that the US is entering "a new era of politics." "That gives me great hope for the future of this country," he said.

On November 8, Frost will face Republican Calvin Wimbish. Because the 10th District has a majority of voters who are registered as Democrats, Frost is expected to win the race. "I think he has a very bright future," Victoria McGroary, a political leader, told *The Hill*.

THE WEEK'S SILLIEST HEADLINE

"Goat runs loose in Spanish city, breaks into jewelry store" ***UPI***



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Around the world

The photo of Winston Churchill

Ottawa, Canada
Famous portrait goes missing

Police in Canada are investigating the disappearance of a famous photo of Winston Churchill, who was prime minister of the UK during the 1940s and 1950s and died in 1965. The photo, taken by Canadian photographer Yousuf Karsh in 1941, was installed in the Château Laurier hotel in Ottawa in 1998. After a hotel worker saw the photo hanging improperly, it was found to be a fake, most likely hung in place of the real photo during the theft.

A hospital in Italy

Calabria, Italy
Cuba to send doctors to Italy

Cuba will send 497 doctors to southern Italy's Calabria region starting in September. The Italian region has been facing a doctor shortage since 2010, Reuters reported. Cuba's "army of white coats" are dispatched around the world during disasters and health outbreaks. They were sent to more than 40 countries during the Covid-19 pandemic. In recent years, Cuba has also sent its doctors abroad in exchange for goods or cash.

The illegal road

Brazil
Illegal road threatens Amazon rainforest

Satellite images have revealed a new, illegal dirt road through protected areas of the Amazon rainforest. Most deforestation (cutting down large areas of forest) occurs near roads. Environmentalists, who have warned for decades about this kind of human development, worry that the road could split the Amazon into smaller, less resilient forests.

Germany
First hydrogen passenger trains

German officials launched five of the world's first hydrogen-fueled passenger trains on August 24, as part of the government's transition from fossil fuels to renewable energy. The trains use hydrogen to generate electricity, which powers their engines. The fleet has a total of 14 trains, which may save more than 422,000 gallons of diesel fuel each year.

A new train

Republic of Côte d'Ivoire
Locally made phone debuts

Entrepreneur Alain Capo-Chichi has created the first locally made smartphone in Republic of Côte d'Ivoire (also known as the Ivory Coast). The phone, named "Open G," went on sale in the West African nation last month and aims to improve accessibility with voice commands for users who can't read or write. Open G recognizes commands in 16 of the estimated 60 languages spoken in the nation.

Alain Capo-Chichi

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Around the world

Flooding in Pakistan

Pakistan
Flooding devastates country

Relief efforts are underway in Pakistan as the nation faces one of its worst disasters. Pakistan is enduring unusually frequent rainstorms (called monsoons) this year, and floodwater threatens to cover up to one third of the country. Since June, more than 1,100 people have died. Leaders have called on the international community for help.

Farmers inspect a field affected by drought.

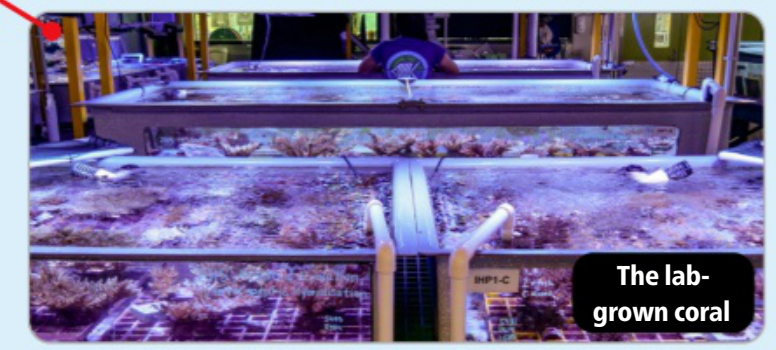
China
High temperatures put crops at risk

A heat wave and drought (severe lack of rain) are putting pressure on China's food production. Four government departments have issued an emergency warning about a "severe threat" to crops in autumn, when a majority of the country's grains are typically harvested. Local authorities urged using water wisely and recommended changes to watering schedules. The drought is estimated to have affected 5.4 million acres of agricultural land.

Sukhwinder Singh and his house

Punjab, India
Homeowner moves house 500 feet

To make room for construction of India's longest expressway, the Delhi-Amritsar, a farmer is moving his house 500 feet from its original spot. Sukhwinder Singh was offered money to build a new home, but said his current house is his dream home. A team of 20 workers has dug channels around the house's foundation and is using mechanical devices such as steel beams to move it one inch at a time.


The lab-grown coral

Australia
New hope for Great Barrier Reef

Australian researchers have discovered a method for creating new coral that may hold promise for restoring damaged areas of the Great Barrier Reef. Coral naturally reproduces only about once a year. But scientists at the Australian Institute of Marine Sciences have found a way to reproduce it in a lab year-round. They hope that planting the coral will help restore the reef.

Ethiopia
Conflict restarts

On August 24, fighting broke out between Ethiopian government forces and rebels in the northern region of Tigray, ending a five-month truce (agreement to stop fighting). Before the agreement in March, a civil war between the government and a rebel group called the Tigray People's Liberation Front had gone on for more than a year. Leaders in Africa and around the world called on both sides to stop fighting and restart peace talks.

Fighting has resumed.

Should school dress codes be eliminated?

Some say the rules help students, but others believe it's time for a change.

What you need to know

- **A recent study found that about 42% of US elementary schools and 61% of middle schools have a dress code.**
- **A 1969 US Supreme Court decision said schools can limit students' expression, including clothing, if it is distracting or harmful to others.**
- **Dress codes are enforced by teachers and school staff, who decide what is considered a violation.**
- **Students across the US have protested dress codes in recent years, and many schools have updated guidelines.**

DID YOU KNOW?
In Australia, elementary school students have to wear hats at recess to prevent them from getting too much sun.

Many schools in the US have a dress code—a set of rules that state what students can and cannot wear to class. Unlike uniforms, dress codes let students wear their choice of clothing, within limits. Some common rules state that students can't wear clothing with logos, offensive words, holes, or thin straps. Often, shorts and skirts must extend past a student's fingertips and stomachs can't be shown. Dress codes can also include hairstyles or headwraps. School administrators say these guidelines help keep students focused on learning. But others say dress codes are unfair, outdated, and inconsistent. What do you think? Should school dress codes be eliminated?

Yes—dress codes can cause harm

Dress codes are totally unfair. They almost always apply to clothing that's worn by girls, not boys, and studies have shown that students of color and people from lower-income families are "dress-coded" most often. School is about getting an education, but dress codes actually prevent people from learning. When a student is sent to the school office or has to go home to change, they miss valuable class time and have to catch up. That can cause them to fall behind academically. Students have the right to dress in a way that reflects their beliefs, style, or personality, and being told what they can and can't wear limits that self-expression.

No—the right clothing creates calm

Following a dress code creates a more serious learning environment and shows respect for the school and teachers. Students are going to have to dress professionally at work later in life, so they might as well get used to it now. And dress codes actually promote learning. Students spend less time getting ready for school and worry less about their own—or other people's—appearance. That gives them more time to concentrate on classes. Besides, dress codes are nowhere near as strict as school uniforms. Students have plenty of options for expressing themselves freely within the boundaries of a few clothing guidelines.

YES Three reasons why school dress codes should be eliminated

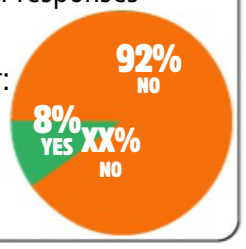
1. **Dress codes unfairly target girls and affect students of color and lower-income students the most.**
2. **Students who have to leave school to change their clothes miss out on class time.**
3. **People have a right to express themselves through their appearance, which dress codes prevent them from doing.**

NO Three reasons why school dress codes should not be eliminated

1. **Dress codes demonstrate respect and help prepare young people to dress professionally later in life.**
2. **Students who follow a dress code pay less attention to clothes and spend more time on their studies.**
3. **Kids can follow a dress code and still have freedom and fun with their appearance.**

LAST WEEK'S POLL

Last week, we asked if take-out apps should be banned. Your responses delivered a clear answer: 92% of you said no, and 8% said yes.



What do you think?

Now that you've read a bit more about this issue, have a parent or guardian visit theweekjunior.com/polls with you so you can vote in our debate. Vote YES if you think school dress codes should be eliminated or NO if you don't. We'll publish the results in the next issue.

The goal of the big debate is to present two sides of an issue fairly in order to stimulate discussion and allow our readers to make up their minds. The views on this page do not reflect those of *The Week Junior*, and the page is not funded by third parties.

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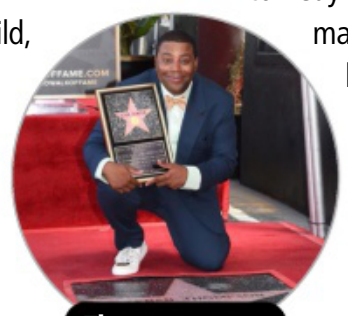
Bringing big laughs

Kenan Thompson has received a Hollywood honor and top hosting job.

Comedian and actor Kenan Thompson has been making people laugh for more than 20 years. In August, he was honored with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. He will host the Emmy Awards (top awards for TV) for the first time on September 12.

From the time he was a child, Thompson seemed destined to perform. Born in Atlanta, Georgia, he started taking acting classes at age 5. His first role was in a church production of the musical *The Wiz*, in which he played Toto. But bigger success didn't come right away. He went on almost 100 auditions before landing a commercial. His first big break came when he was hired to review movies on CNN's weekly kids' news show.



Thompson gets his own star.

When he was 14, Thompson was cast as one of the original cast members in the Nickelodeon show *All That*. He went on to star in more television roles and movies, like *The Mighty Ducks* and *Good Burger*. Last year, he hosted the *Nickelodeon Kids' Choice Awards*. This fall, he is starring in his 20th season of the late-night sketch comedy show *Saturday Night Live*, making him the show's longest-running cast member. Of his long and successful career in comedy, Thompson once said, "I'm a happy person, and I want everybody else to be happy."

Thompson is known for his musical spoofs and has hinted that he may do a musical number when he takes the stage at the Emmys. An Emmy winner and six-time nominee himself, Thompson said he is excited to host the ceremony. "Like all TV fans, I can't wait to see the stars from my favorite shows," he said.

Kenan Thompson

AND THE WINNER IS...
The first Emmy Awards were presented in 1949, when six awards were given out.

Hoops legend retires

Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA) star and five-time Olympic gold medalist Sue Bird will retire by the end of 2022. Bird, 41, grew up in New York City. Now in her 19th WNBA season, she has spent her entire career with the Seattle Storm. She has won four championships and is a 13-time All Star. She is also a vocal advocate for women in sports, telling *ESPN*, "I want to do things in a way that grows the pie for everybody." Bird said she will miss basketball but is very excited for the future.

Sue Bird

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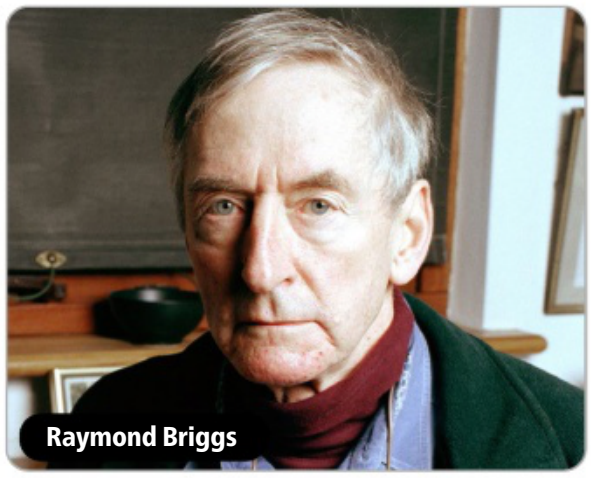

Raymond Briggs

An artist and author

Raymond Briggs, a British children's author and illustrator best known for his books *Father Christmas* and *The Snowman*, died in August at age 88. He studied painting in art school but always wanted to be a cartoonist. In the 1950s, Briggs began writing and illustrating his own books. His work gained attention for the way the drawings looked like comic book panels and used little text. His characters were also nontraditional, such as a grumpy Santa Claus in *Father Christmas*. Briggs's agent told *The Guardian*, "I know from the many letters he received how his books and animations touched people's hearts."

OVERHEARD

"If you are in a position to help, you should help."

Country music icon Dolly Parton upon being awarded the prestigious 2022 Carnegie Medal of Philanthropy. The medal honors people who work to help others in innovative ways.

A Bengal tiger in Nepal

When conservation works

Forty years ago there were 600 mountain gorillas left on Earth. Thanks to the work of conservationists (people who protect animals), there are now more than 1,000 living in central Africa. In Uganda, people pay a fee to see them in the Bwindi Impenetrable Forest, and the money supports conservation.

Mountain gorillas

Number of tigers nearly triples in Nepal

A recent survey of tigers in Nepal found that there are an estimated 355 of them living in the wild, nearly three times the number in 2009. Tiger populations throughout Asia have been declining, mainly because of poaching (illegal hunting) and habitat loss. In 2010, Nepal was one of 13 countries that pledged to double its number of tigers by 2022. Nepal is the first of these countries to release its new tiger numbers.

To help the tigers recover, the Nepalese government worked with conservation organizations such as the World Wildlife Fund (WWF). One key conservation method was to create wildlife corridors—pathways in forests—between tiger populations that were previously separated.

The area where tigers are increasing

This allows the animals to move around freely. Nepal's government has also enacted harsher punishments for poaching.

Another major component of the efforts to save the tigers has been working with local communities to enable the big cats and people to successfully coexist.

Conservationists have established heavily protected national parks for the tigers. These parks attract tourists, which provides money to local communities. Fences have also been built to protect farmers' livestock from tigers, and payments have been made to farmers whose animals were killed by tigers.

Tigers are apex predators, meaning they have no natural predators. They play an important role in their ecosystems by preying on other species. They also require a large habitat in order to thrive.

There were about 100,000 tigers in the world at the start of the 20th century, but by the year 2010, the number had dropped to 3,200. Today, there are thought to be as many as 5,578 tigers in the wild, but much of that increase comes from better methods for counting and monitoring wild tigers. Tigers are still considered endangered.

Global efforts to help their numbers recover are showing signs of success, however. In addition to Nepal, the number of tigers in Bhutan, China, and Russia is staying steady or increasing. "Nepal's new tiger population estimate shows that it is possible to save a species from the brink of extinction," said Ginette Hemley, a WWF official.

PLACE OF THE WEEK

Multnomah Falls, Oregon

At 620 feet high, Multnomah Falls is the tallest waterfall in Oregon. Located 30 miles from Portland and part of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic area, the waterfall attracts more than 2 million visitors each year. It gets water from the underground springs from Larch Mountain. Bobcats, yellow-bellied marmots, California ground squirrels, Peregrine falcons, Pacific tree frogs, and garter snakes live here, along with various species of salmon, including Chinook salmon. In the spring, visitors witness the blooming of more than 800 types of wildflowers.

Wildflowers near the falls

ON A ROLL
The word "pangolin" comes from a Malay word meaning "roller," because pangolins roll into a ball when threatened.

Pangolins are the only scaly mammal.

A sanctuary for pangolins in danger

In Liberia, a sanctuary is caring for pangolins, an endangered species. Liberia has the most forest of any country in west Africa, so it is very biodiverse (meaning a large variety of plants and animals live there). The country is home to three of the world's eight species of pangolin.

Pangolins are sometimes mistaken for reptiles, but they are the world's only scaly-skinned mammals. They live in parts of Africa and Asia and are some of the world's most trafficked (caught and sold illegally) animals. The animals are sold for their meat and scales, which some people believe can cure illness.

The Libassa Wildlife Sanctuary takes in pangolins and cares for them until they can be released back into the wild. Most of them have been retrieved from illegal traffickers. Juty Deh Jr., who works at the sanctuary, has cared for more than 70 pangolins since taking the job five years ago. With duties such as bottle-feeding orphaned pangolins, he says helping to save the animals is rewarding. "Putting them back in the wild, you actually feel proud," he told CNN.

Animal of the week: Harris's hawk

A Harris's hawk named Pac-Man has been scaring pigeons out of a train station in the Bay Area of California. Pac-Man's presence alone frightens most of the pigeons, although he occasionally has to chase some away.

- **LIFE SPAN:** Between 15 and 20 years old
- **SIZE:** About 23 inches long
- **DIET:** Includes rabbits, squirrels, rats, and quail
- **HABITAT:** Mainly deserts
- **FUN FACT:** Harris's hawks, which live and hunt in groups, are more social than other raptors.

Good week / Bad week

Black-footed ferrets
A total of 21 black-footed ferret kits have been born at the Phoenix Zoo. The species was thought to be extinct, but efforts to reintroduce the ferrets into the wild have shown success. The kits were bred as part of the restoration project.

Hippos
Ten African countries have had to propose stronger legal protections to prevent hippos from going extinct. Hippos are hunted for their body parts, and they have also been affected by habitat loss and a changing climate.

Ask a zookeeper: "How do male seahorses have babies?" Bella, 11, California

Dan Peterson
Aquarist,
Minnesota Zoo

You're right that only male seahorses have babies. The male and female dance with their tails intertwined while the female deposits her eggs into a special "brood pouch" on the male's belly. It protects eggs until they hatch and hundreds of babies are ready to leave the pouch.

A pregnant male seahorse

Do you have a question for a zookeeper? Send it to hello@*theweekjunior.com*.
Find out more about the Minnesota Zoo at mnzoo.org.

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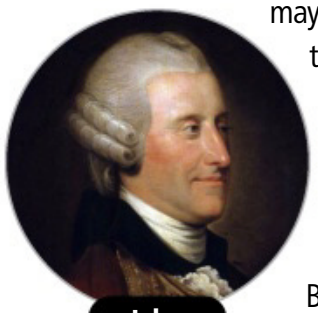
The delicious history

Find out about a culinary creation you can hold in your hand.

The idea behind the sandwich—two slices of bread or a split roll with a filling in between—may be simple. But it has inspired thousands of variations. Where did this portable, packable meal come from?



John Montagu

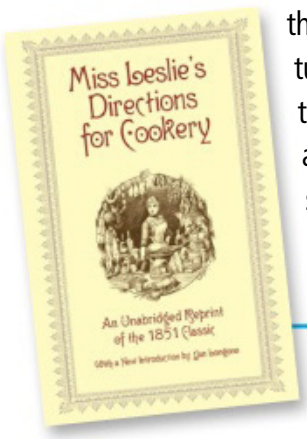
Start of the sandwich

As early as the first century BCE, a rabbi created a holiday tradition of placing nuts and apples between two pieces of matzah, a crisp type of bread. This combination can still be found on seder plates during Passover today. Sandwiches did not get their name until the 1700s, however. Legend has it that a British statesman, John Montagu, the 4th Earl of Sandwich, loved to play cards. Instead of stopping his games to eat, he was said to request roast beef between slices of bread so he could enjoy his meal with one hand.

A classic PB & J

The sandwich comes to America

From the Earl's card table, sandwiches spread through the UK. In 1837, Eliza Leslie introduced them to the US in her cookbook, *Directions for Cookery*, which featured a recipe for a ham sandwich. The first recipe for a peanut butter and jelly sandwich appeared in a Boston cooking school magazine in 1901. In the 1920s, the bread slicer was invented, enabling stores to sell bread that was already sliced. This in turn made it easy for people to make sandwiches to eat at home or bring to work or school. In 1924, *The New York Times* declared, "The day of sandwiches has arrived."



The cookbook that kicked off US sandwiches

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SO MANY SANDWICHES
Americans eat more than 3 million sandwiches every day.

WOW!
The world's longest sandwich, measuring 2,411 feet, 5 inches, was created in Lebanon in 2011.

The only limit to what to put on a sandwich is imagination.

A global glance at sandwiches

Croque Monsieur

A ham and cheese sandwich slathered with bechamel sauce (made with milk, flour, and butter) and baked in an oven is a favorite in France.

Francesinha

In Portugal, ham, sausage, beef steak, and cheese are topped with a thick, spicy tomato sauce and an egg. The Francesinha can be so large that people often use a fork and knife to eat it.

# of a lunchtime classic

DID YOU KNOW?
The submarine is a type of sandwich with many regional nicknames, like sub, hero, hoagie, and grinder.

A muffuletta

Regional favorites

Over time, different regions of the US came to have their own favorites. In the South, local picks include the muffuletta (a round loaf stuffed with Italian deli meats and cheeses and topped with olive salad) and the po'boy (meat or fried seafood loaded onto French bread). A favorite in the West is the French dip (hot roast beef on a roll). The Midwest favors the Reuben (corned beef, Swiss cheese, sauerkraut, and Russian dressing on rye bread), while the Northeast loves meatball subs, crab cake sandwiches, and lobster rolls. The most popular sandwich across the US? Grilled cheese.

A grilled cheese

New trends

The sandwich keeps evolving to meet people's changing tastes. The latest varieties feature global influences and flavors, with condiments like sriracha from Thailand and chimichurri from Argentina. Sandwich lovers are also experimenting with bread alternatives, including eggplant slices and lettuce wraps. Other trends are gravity-defying sandwiches stacked many layers high, sandwiches for breakfast, and sandwiches with sides, like french fries or onion rings, piled right on top.

An eight-decker sandwich

Mollete

This open-faced Mexican sandwich is topped with butter, cheese, and refried beans. Once grilled, a mollete is often served with tomato salsa or pico de gallo and shared with friends.

Choripán

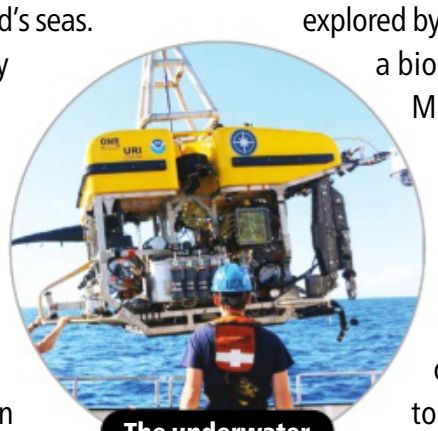
This street sandwich sold throughout Argentina consists of a grilled pork sausage in a long split roll with spicy chimichurri on top. Some people think of it as a spicy cousin to the hot dog.

This sea pen spotted by scientists could be a new species.

Rare ocean creature found

A team of scientists was surprised recently when they spotted an unusual creature near the bottom of the Pacific Ocean. Now they are wondering if it was a new species.

The researchers were aboard the E/V Nautilus, a ship used by the Ocean Exploration Trust to make new discoveries in the world's seas. The team had released a remotely operated vehicle (ROV) named Hercules to explore the sea bed. Equipped with a camera, Hercules can be controlled from the ship and show the team what is happening deep below the surface.

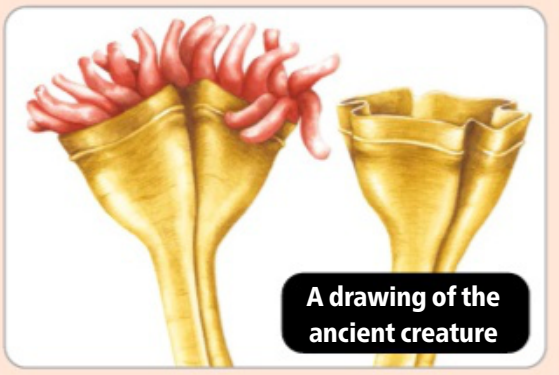

The underwater robot Hercules

Hercules led the scientists to an unusual sight—a mysterious creature about the same size as the ROV, if not larger. It had a stalk nearly 7 feet long and 16-inch-long tentacles around its mouth. The team thought it was a Solumbellula sea pen, a creature that is related to jellyfish and coral, but they also knew that sea pens had never been spotted in the Pacific before. The only previous sightings of this species had been in the Atlantic Ocean and the Indian Ocean. This led the researchers to believe that it could be a newly discovered species.

Sea pens live along the ocean floor and are named for their resemblance to an old-fashioned quill (a writing tool made from a feather). The creature was observed nearly two miles below the surface in an area of the Pacific Ocean west of Hawaii that had not previously been explored by scientists. Steve Auscavitch, a biologist at Boston University in Massachusetts, was the lead researcher on the team. "From time to time, we come across something that we never expected to see, and those are often the most powerful of observations," Auscavitch told Live Science.

In February, another group of scientists in Spain officially identified and named two new types of sea pen. The team led by Auscavitch will need to do further research to determine whether the unusual creature they spotted is the first known sea pen in the Pacific Ocean or an entirely new species. Either way, the discovery is exciting, Auscavitch said. "It really does expand our horizon about where animals can live and exist in the deep sea," he said.

The first predator


A drawing of the ancient creature

UK scientists recently identified a 560-million-year-old fossil (impression or trace of an ancient creature preserved in rock) as the world's earliest animal predator. The fossil is probably an early form of cnidaria, a group that includes jellyfish and sea pens. It was found in Charnwood Forest in Leicestershire, England, and suggests that predators existed 20 million years earlier than experts thought.

The creature's outline was on a slab of siltstone in a quarry (a pit where stone for building is dug up) in 2007, but it took 15 years to determine what it was. It has been named Auroralumina attenboroughii, in honor of Sir David Attenborough. The famous naturalist and filmmaker said he was "truly delighted."

Robot dog learns to walk in an hour

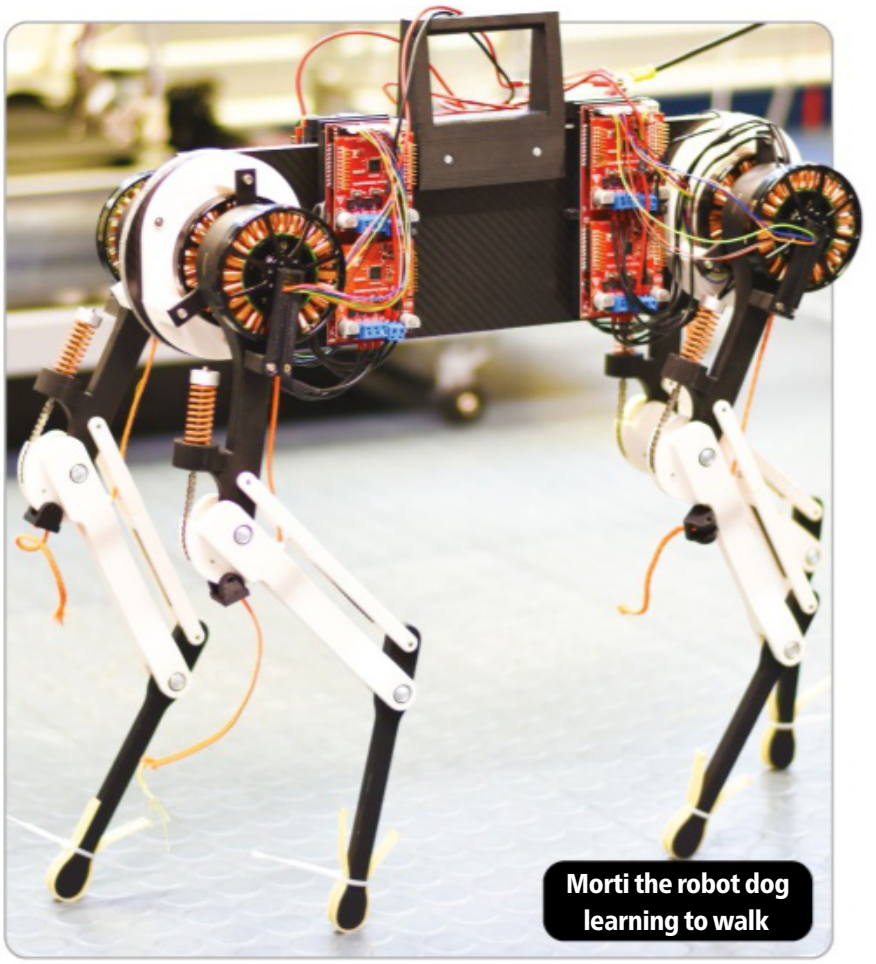
Scientists in Germany built a four-legged robot the size of a Labrador retriever that taught itself to walk in an hour. The team behind the machine, which is named Morti, hope it will help them understand how baby animals take their first steps.

Many animals learn to walk shortly after being born. They often fall over when taking these early steps, but they learn from their stumbles and make adjustments. To do this, they rely on reflexes from their spinal cord—a bundle of natural signal-carrying fibers that connect the brain and other parts of the body.

ON THE MOVE
Many animals can walk on the day they're born, but it takes human babies about a year to learn.

Morti the robot also learned from its mistakes. Its designers at the Max Planck Institute for Intelligent Systems put sensors on its feet and created a computer model of its spinal cord. As Morti tried to walk, an algorithm (set of instructions that tells a computer how to perform a task) compared what the model said the robot should be doing with what the sensors said it was actually doing. Morti could then make fine adjustments to its movements to become steadier.

The research is part of a growing field known as biorobotics, which brings together living things and machines to learn about both. "We can't easily research the spinal cord of a living animal," said Alexander Badri-Spröwitz, a team member. "The robotic model gives us answers to questions that biology alone can't answer."


Morti the robot dog learning to walk

A little stress before a test isn't all bad.

Some stress helps the brain

Most people think of stress as a bad thing. But a study of more than 1,200 young adults suggests that some stress can be helpful.

Participants answered questions about stress in their everyday lives. Researchers tested their attention, memory, and other brain functions. The results showed that people with low or moderate stress levels were better off than those with very high stress or none at all. They tended to have better functioning brains and were less likely to develop emotional or mental health issues.

The researchers believe that being exposed to some stressful experiences helps the brain develop skills to handle bigger difficulties in the future. For example, an upcoming exam could prompt someone to study hard and become more organized, which will help them in the long run. Too much stress, however, begins to have negative effects.

AMAZING INVENTION

Baby shoes with a small eco footprint

The Woolybubs

Two parents have designed a baby shoe that never has to be thrown away. Young children grow out of their shoes quickly, so they wear a pair of shoes for only a short period of time. The shoes often end up as trash.

The Woolybubs newbie is made from a special type of plastic that is durable but dissolves when placed in boiling water for about 30 minutes. The shoes can also be composted (broken down into a mixture that improves soil) in certain facilities. Woolybubs is also developing toddler shoes that can be recycled.

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Photos of the week

Swimming school
"Sunset Ray" by Andy Schmid of Switzerland

Golden glow
"Pretty in Pollen" by Tim Crabb of the UK

GEOFFREY REYNAUD; IVAN PEDRETTI; SASCHA FONSECA; TIM CRABB; ANDY SCHMID; TALIA GREIS

Photos of the week

High and low
"Difference" by Ivan Pedretti of Italy

Chilling out
"Ice Bear" by Geoffrey Reynaud of France

Splendid sight
"Top of the World" by Sascha Fonseca of Germany

Open wide
"Caviar" by Talia Greis of Australia

DID YOU KNOW?
Chinese Taipei has won more Little League Baseball World Series titles than any other international team.

The team from Hawaii celebrating

Little League to MLB

Yusmeiro Petit

Several LLBWS players have gone on to play Major League baseball, including Jonathan Schoop of the Detroit Tigers and Jurickson Profar of the San Diego Padres. Yusmeiro Petit, who played for the Oakland Athletics in 2021, is the only player to have won a Little League and Major League World Series.

Hawaii is Little League Baseball champs

From August 17 through August 28, players from the US and other countries gathered in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, to compete in the 75th Little League Baseball World Series (LLBWS). In the championship game, Hawaii defeated Curacao, 13–3. It was Hawaii's fourth LLBWS title.

To qualify for the World Series, hundreds of teams made up of players ages 10 to 12 competed in local, state, and regional games. This year's LLBWS began with 20 teams, the most in the history of the event. Ten international teams and 10 US teams played in separate brackets, then the winners from each side met in the championship. Before this year, international teams and American teams had each won 37 titles. International teams did not participate last year due to the pandemic.

Kama Angell

Leading up to the championship game, Hawaii, which represented the West region, dominated in their games and had never once been behind in runs. Curacao, which represented the Caribbean, changed that. In the top of the first inning of the LLBWS final, Curacao went up 1–0 by scoring on a wild pitch. Hawaii responded in the bottom of the inning with back-to-back home runs to take a 2–1 lead. They added three more runs in the bottom of the second, then exploded with seven runs in the third to open up a 12–1 lead.

Before the end of the fourth inning, the score was 13–3. A typical Little League game lasts seven innings, but when there is a 10-run difference in the bottom of the fourth or later, a rule states that the manager of the team with fewer runs must concede the victory to the team that is in the lead. As a result, the game ended and Hawaii became the champions. It was the fourth time they won because of this rule in six undefeated games. Over the course of the tournament, they beat their opponents by a combined 60–5 runs.

Outfielder Kama Angell was the star of the final game for Hawaii. He delivered four hits, including a home run, and batted in six runs. His teammate Kekoa Payanal also had a big game and drove in three runs. After the game, Angell said, "It was the best time I had in my life."

THIS WEEK'S WINNERS...

GOLF

Rory McIlroy of Northern Ireland won the PGA Tour Championship on August 28. In the final round, he came back from a six-stroke deficit to beat American Scottie Scheffler, the world's current number one golfer. It was the biggest final-round comeback in the Tour Championship. The event was also the end of the season-long FedExCup tournament. McIlroy won that title for the third time.

Rory McIlroy

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

On August 26, Las Vegas Aces head coach Becky Hammon was named the WNBA Coach of the Year. Rhyne Howard of the Atlanta Dream was named Rookie of the Year.

ULTIMATE DISC

The New York Empire beat the Chicago Union, 22–14, to win the American Ultimate Disc League Championship on August 28. The Empire finished the season undefeated. This is their second championship in three years.

FUN FACT
There are records of women's ice hockey games dating back to the late 1800s.

Japan's Remi Koyama, left, and Team USA's Cayla Barnes

Women's ice hockey Worlds begin

The 2022 International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF) Women's World Championship began in Denmark on August 25 and will end on September 4. Team USA is one of the 10 teams competing for the title. The event has been held nearly every year since 1990. Only teams from the US or Canada have won gold.

At the start of the tournament, play takes place among two groups. Group A has the world's best teams: the US, Canada, Finland, Switzerland, and Japan. After these teams play each other once, they will all advance to the quarterfinals. Group B has Germany, Sweden, Hungary, Denmark, and the Czech Republic. After they all compete, the three top teams will move on.

Team USA got off to an impressive start. In their first game, they beat Japan, 10–0. They had another strong performance two days later, beating Finland, 6–1. On August 29, they beat Switzerland, 9–0. Seven different Americans scored goals in the game.

Canada started strong and racked up wins against Finland, Switzerland, and Japan as well. On August 30, they played Team USA. It was a rematch of the gold medal game at the Beijing Olympics earlier this year, which Canada won. This time, Canada had a 2–0 lead after the first period, but the Americans rallied and won, 5–2.

In Group B, the Czech team was undefeated after three games. The quarterfinals were set to begin on September 1, and the four top teams will move on to the semis. The Gold Medal Game is on September 4, where the US and Canada are expected to meet again.

COACH OF THE WEEK

Coach's Name: **Kelly Nichols**

School: **Talley Street Upper Elementary**

"My favorite special at school is P.E. because of Coach Nichols and all the fun Physical Education games we get to play! I know students from 3rd to 5th grade at Tally Street all appreciate her hard work. She not only teaches several P.E. classes a day every day of the week, but also plays a huge part in our Talley Rallies (fun gathering the school does every Friday) *and* does a lot of the organizing of Field Day, one of the best days of the school year!" Julia, 11, Georgia

To nominate a Coach of the Week, send your coach's name, photo, sport, and team to *hello@theweekjunior.com.* Include your name, age, state, and a few reasons why your coach is great.

SPOTLIGHT ON...

Lexis Akeo

AGE: 20 SPORT: VOLLEYBALL
TEAM: UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH

Family sport I have four siblings who are a lot older than me. One brother played volleyball in high school, and my two sisters played too. So basically since I was born, I've been around volleyball.

Getting settled I'm from Hawaii. I had huge culture shock when I got to Pittsburgh. Hawaii has beautiful weather all the time, so I had to get used to having four seasons.

Pre-game ritual I always listen to music from Hawaii while one of my teammates is braiding my hair.

Calming tricks I love deep breathing to relax. I breathe in for four seconds through my nose, hold it, then breathe out through my mouth for four seconds. Also, if I'm really nervous about a game, I frame it differently and think, "I'm excited. My body's getting ready to perform at its peak level. If my palms are sweating and I'm a little warm, that's perfect."

Trusted team My favorite thing about volleyball is the relationships you build. I call my teammates sisters. I feel like we're a close family.

Big plans Our team has been getting better through the years. In 2021, we made it to the Elite Eight of the college national championship tournament, and last year we made it to the Final Four. No Pitt volleyball team has ever gone that far. Our current goal is to win the championship.

Her advice Never say never. I'm very short for my position, but here I am at a top program. You have to believe in yourself. Confidence comes from building trust in yourself and putting in the time, the effort, and the work.

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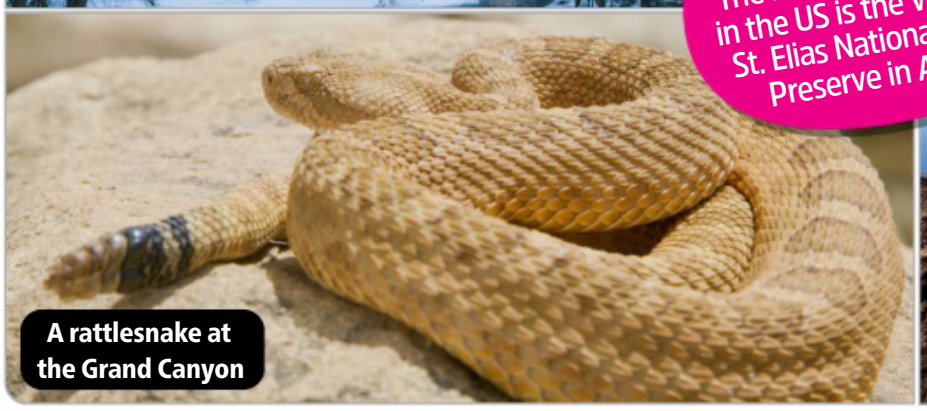
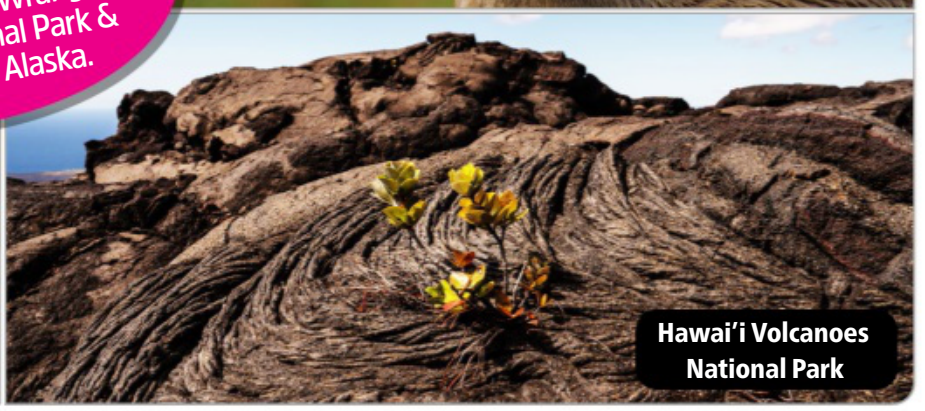
Yosemite National Park

A desert bighorn sheep at Big Bend

DID YOU KNOW?
The largest national park in the US is the Wrangell-St. Elias National Park & Preserve in Alaska.


A rattlesnake at the Grand Canyon


Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park

Show visits US national parks

A new documentary series explores what makes some of the nation's parks and their wildlife so special.

America's National Parks is a new National Geographic documentary series that takes viewers on a journey through five parks across the US: Grand Canyon, Yosemite, Big Bend, Badlands, and Hawai'i Volcanoes. It highlights the wildlife, explores the stunning landscapes, and emphasizes the importance of protecting the natural world. All five episodes are now streaming on Disney+.

This series was produced by the team behind BBC's *Planet Earth* and Disneynature's *Earth*.

First Lady Jill Biden

Each episode has a special message from First Lady Jill Biden and is narrated by country music star Garth Brooks. Producer Anwar Mamon told *The Week Junior* that one goal of the series was "to show an intimate side to the parks and unpack what makes them special."

To capture images from the parks that visitors typically don't see, the filmmaking team had help from the National Park Service (NPS) and used technology such as drones and remote cameras. At Grand Canyon National Park in Arizona, they set up remote cameras with NPS scientists to track mountain lions. At Big Bend National Park in Texas, they used low-light cameras to film Mexican long-nosed bats feeding on an agave plant at night, something never captured before.

Mamon said that although national parks may be protected by the NPS, it's also up to individuals to help protect nature as a whole. "We need to look at our own backyards and do whatever we can to preserve wild spaces and the natural world around us so we can keep the national parks healthy and thriving for future generations," he said.

Facts about national parks

First park

In 1872, Yellowstone National Park in Montana became the world's first national park. Native people have lived in the area for more than 11,000 years.

Special symbol

The National Park Service emblem was adopted in 1951. It is shaped like an arrowhead to represent history and archaeology, and the design includes features found in the

Famous accessory

National Park Service rangers are known for wearing a Stetson-style "flat hat" made of felt or straw. The leather band on the hats features sequoia tree cones made of metal.

Junior Council
The Week Junior

Liya Chu, left, with Olivia

FUN FACT
In 2021, French chefs made a pizza topped with 834 different types of cheese.

The Week Junior talks to winning chef

Season eight of the Fox competition series *Master Chef Junior* ended in June. Sixteen contestants competed, and the winner was Liya Chu from Scarsdale, New York. When the show was filmed in 2019, she was 10 years old. (It didn't air until 2022 due to the pandemic.) *The Week Junior*'s Junior Council member Olivia, 9, spoke with Chu, now 13, about being on the show and her love of making food.

Olivia: How did you get into cooking?

Liya Chu: I'd always watch my parents cook dinner and ask to help chop carrots or boil pasta. I started to enjoy the plating part of cooking because I'm a big fan of art. Cooking is a way of being creative.

Olivia: What is your favorite thing to make?

Liya Chu: I usually make pasta at home when it's a chill day. When it comes to baking, probably a classic cupcake. They're simple and yummy.

Olivia: How did you stay calm on the show?

Liya Chu: There were times I thought, I can't do this anymore. At one point I was crying and [chef and judge] Gordon Ramsay said, "Don't give up, it's not over yet. Calm down. You can do it." I've had his words with me ever since.

Olivia: What's the top lesson you learned?

Liya Chu: To live in the moment. During auditions, I just wanted to win. As the show went on, I realized it was a unique experience and I should enjoy it.

MOVIE NIGHT

If you're looking for a film to watch with family or friends, consider this pick of the week.

The Rookie (2002)

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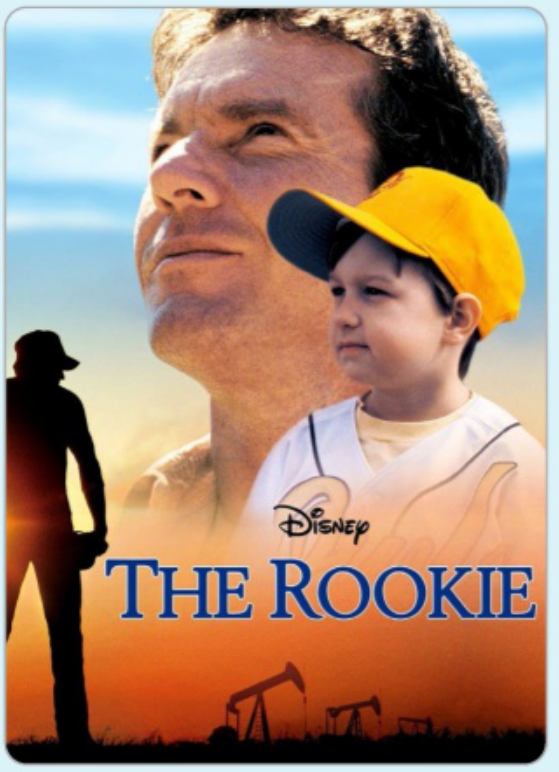
Disney+

This sports drama is based on the true story of baseball player Jim Morris. He became a Major League pitcher when he was 35, an age when many players retire. Growing up, he dreamed of playing baseball. He was on track to play in the minor leagues after college until a shoulder injury ended his career. Flash forward, and he's now a high school teacher and baseball coach in his small hometown in Texas. He still has remarkable talent and can throw pitches at 98 miles per hour. To encourage the kids on his team to work harder, he makes a deal with them: If they win the district championship, he will try out for a big league team. When they win, Jim has to live up to his end of the agreement. What will it take to make his longtime dream come true?



THIS WEEK'S WATCH LIST

Life by Ella

(Apple TV+)

This new fictional series follows a 13-year-old who has overcome a battle with cancer. Now she has a new outlook on life and plans to make the most of every day. With the support of her family and friends, she faces her fears and inspires them to do the same.

Samurai Rabbit: The Usagi Chronicles

(Netflix)

The series' second season continues the adventures of Yuichi, a teen rabbit samurai living in the city of Neo Edo. With a special sword now in his possession, he must prove he is worthy of its power.

Secret Headquarters

(Paramount+)

In this new action-adventure film, a boy named Charlie and his friends discover a superhero's headquarters hidden under his house, and they learn that it belongs to Charlie's dad. When villains start attacking, the group makes use of high-tech gadgets as they try to save the world.

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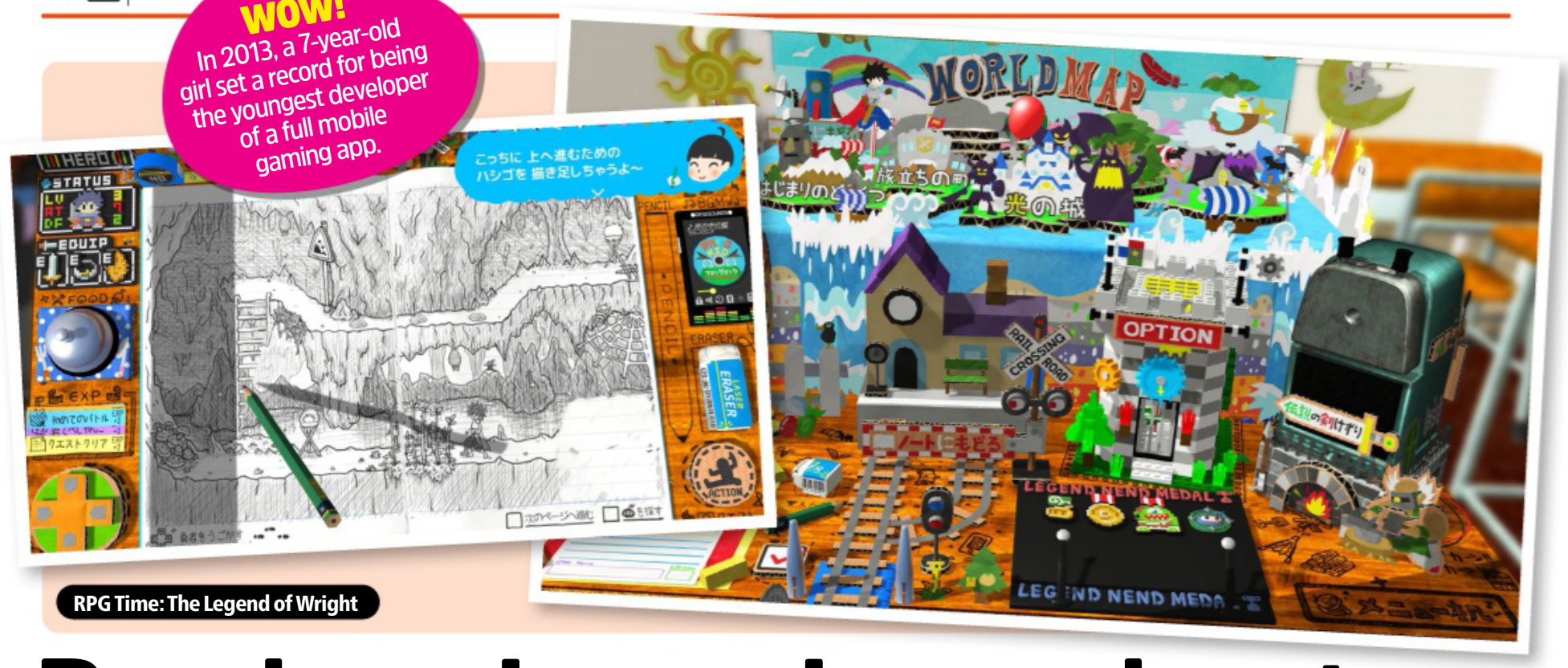
WOW!
In 2013, a 7-year-old girl set a record for being the youngest developer of a full mobile gaming app.



RPG Time: The Legend of Wright

Be a hero in a unique adventure

RPG Time: The Legend of Wright is a new adventure game. It is available now for the Xbox systems, Nintendo Switch, and PlayStation 4 and will be released for PC on September 13.

The game is designed to look like it was hand-drawn in a notebook. It was inspired by handmade games the developers used to make and play as kids. It will appeal to fans of tabletop games like Dungeons & Dragons, people who like drawing fantastical creatures, or anyone with a big imagination.

The adventure is set in Cardboardia, a land created by fictional 10-year-old Kenta. He is a talented animator who wants to design games. Action unfolds across comic-book-style panels, with new challenges or surprises on every page.

RPG Time's main character is a brave young hero named Wright. He must save a princess who has been kidnapped by the Demon King. To pull it off, he has to solve puzzles, win action-packed battles, and outsmart rivals. He'll travel into caves, mazes, mysterious woods, and more. Kenta's hand-drawn controller lets you zoom around each page, and you can pay a visit to Button Mountain to make use of new skills that Wright learns along the way.

Kenta

As the adventure continues, Kenta's art gets more exciting. He fills it in with bright colors and creates amazing animated scenes with paper and other craft supplies. One of the game's developers said he believes that after playing RPG Time, people may get inspired to create games of their own.

PODCAST OF THE WEEK

WHOSE AMAZING LIFE?

tinyurl.com/TWJUS-AmazingLife

Each episode of this podcast focuses on a different interesting person from history. They include pioneers, activists, and athletes. The twist is that their identity is not revealed until the end of the show. Your job is to listen and guess who they are from the clues.

APP OF THE WEEK

SUPER CITYCON

Apple App Store

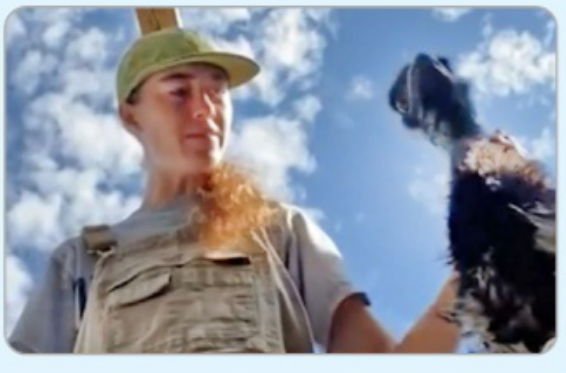
This new mobile game gives you a chance to build the city of your dreams. You can lay down roads, decide where to put buildings for living and working, and find ways to keep your residents happy with parks and more. You'll also be able to swoop around your 3D creation to admire it.

VIDEO OF THE WEEK

EMU HILARIOUSLY INTERRUPTS OWNER'S VIDEO

tinyurl.com/TWJUS-Emu

Emmanuel is an emu that lives at Knuckle Bump Farms in Florida. He's become a social media star thanks to his dislike of the iPhone his owner uses to make TikTok videos. Find out why "Emmanuel, don't do it!" has become a new catchphrase.



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Book club

BOOK OF THE WEEK

Windswept

By Margi Preus, illustrated by Armando Veve

(Amulet Books)

In the town where Tag lives, children aren't allowed outside until age 15. When Tag's older sisters broke the rule, they were swept away by fierce wind. Tag's parents have not been able to find her sisters. Now, seven years later, one sister's old hair ribbon magically guides Tag to a window in the attic where she can escape. Tag goes to meet a boy who sent her a mysterious note. It turns out that his younger brother was also taken. They embark on a dangerous adventure to the mountains, where they think they might find their siblings. They encounter dragons and trolls along the way. Inspired by the Norwegian fairy tale "The Three Princesses in the Mountain Blue," this fantasy novel is filled with suspense and wordplay. A map helps you follow their journey. *Ages 10–14*

WIN A BOOK!

We're giving away five copies of *Windswept*.

For a chance to win, send your name and address to *contests@theweekjunior.com* with Windswept in the subject line. Enter by midnight on September 23. See theweekjunior.com/terms for complete rules.

ASK THE AUTHOR

Margi Preus

We spoke to the author of *Windswept*.

What inspired this book?
I was inspired by "The Three Princesses in the Mountain Blue" fairy tale. I thought it would resonate with kids who were in lockdown during the pandemic and were unable to go out and socialize.

Do you like fairy tales?
I love them from every culture. I have books about them from all over the world. I like Norwegian fairy tales because they have strong female characters.

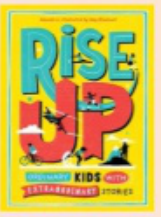
Do you have siblings?
Yes. I had sisters whom I fought with as a kid, but now we're very close.

What makes fantasy novels good to read?
I like the separation from the real world. The characters may have similar issues, but they feel different.

Favorite school subject?
Probably recess. And many of my favorite courses had to do more with the teacher than the subject.

4 books about kids who will inspire you

These picks feature young people who spoke up to make a difference.



Rise Up

By Amanda Li, illustrated by Amy Blackwell

(Andrews McMeel Publishing)

This collection contains profiles of 29 children and young adults changing the world. You may have heard of a few of the activists, but many of them may be new to you. It also has tips on how you can make a difference in your community. *Ages 8–12*

Who Is Greta Thunberg?

By Jill Leonard, illustrated by Manuel Gutierrez

(Penguin Workshop)

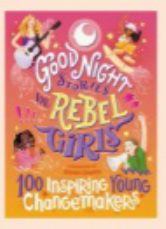
The teenage climate activist was 8 years old when her class watched a film about global warming. It inspired her to help protect the environment. This book covers her childhood in Sweden and how she started her climate protests. It has a timeline of her life. *Ages 8–12*

Kid Activists

By Robin Stevenson, illustrated by Allison Steinfeld

(Quirk Books)

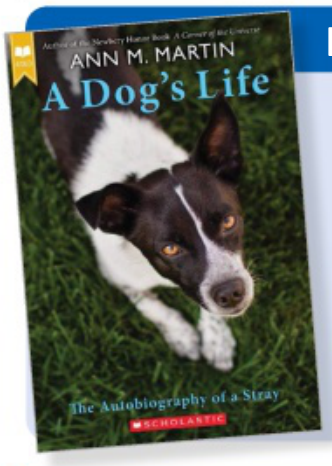
This book describes the childhood of people who grew up to become famous activists. For example, Susan B. Anthony (1820–1906), who advocated for women's voting rights, was paid a lower wage at age 15 than boys were for doing the same job. *Ages 9–12*



Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls: 100 Inspiring Young Changemakers

(Rebel Girls)

Activists, inventors, musicians, and athletes are among the 100 young people you can read about in this book. The incredible stories include one about a college student who advocates for people living with illness and disabilities. *Ages 8 and up*



READER RECOMMENDS

A Dog's Life *By Ann M. Martin*

"Squirrel has had a hard life. Growing up in a barn with cats is just the beginning, not to mention that she's a dog. Squirrel goes on a mission after a fox threatens Squirrel and her family, and her mother gets killed. Squirrel is faced with many challenges and obstacles, and she handles them head-on. Join Squirrel in a book full of adventures, cliff-hangers, and plot twists." Rylyn, 12, Georgia

Do you have a book to recommend? Send your review to *hello@theweekjunior.com*.

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FUN FACT
Surveys show that the most popular flavor of pie in the US is apple.

Plan a street party

Bring your neighbors together outdoors for food and games.

With cooler weather coming up, now is a great time to plan an outdoor party with your neighbors. One popular way to gather in the fall is to throw a block party, which is when neighbors on the same street share food and games in their yards, on their streets and sidewalks, or at a park. Here are steps to follow.

Get others involved

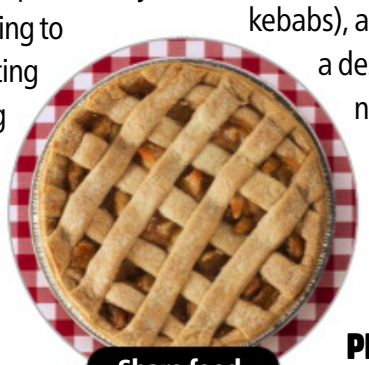
Once you get your family on board, reach out to a few neighbors who might want to help create the plan. If they are interested, you could host a kickoff meeting to brainstorm ideas. You can also use this meeting to split up responsibilities, such as organizing food, games, and communication.

Choose a date

The first step is to decide when you're going to have the party. Try to choose a weekend date that's at least four to six weeks away, to ensure that people are available. You may want to avoid dates when big events are happening in your community, such as a town festival, so more of your neighbors are free.

Select a spot

There are many ways people hold block parties. Some neighborhoods get permission from their town to block off their street to cars so the party can take place on the road in front of their homes. Or your block party could take place in the yards and driveways of several homes. Another option is to host your party at a neighborhood park, where you might be able to reserve picnic tables or grills to use.



Share food with friends.

Decide on food

Many block parties are held potluck-style, which means people bring dishes of food to share. To make sure you get enough, you could ask neighbors to say whether they are bringing a main course (such as vegetable kebabs), a side dish (like pasta and grain salads), or a dessert (cupcakes or cookies). You'll also need volunteers to sign up to bring drinks, plates, cutlery, cups, coolers, and ice. You can create a sign-up sheet that you take from door to door or have an adult help you create an online sign-up sheet.

Plan entertainment

Ask neighbors if they have games and toys you can use for the party. You could also set out bubbles and sidewalk chalk for younger kids and then have an area with a beanbag toss or ping-pong table. You could also play group games like capture the flag, hide-and-seek, and tag. (See more game ideas in the sidebar at right.) Many people enjoy having food competitions at a block party. You could ask people to bring a fruit pie or a pot of chili and then, after a taste test, determine the winning dish.

4 fun games to play with neighbors

Add some excitement to your block party with these easy games and activities.

Bike parade

Ask kids to decorate their bikes and then ride in a line down the street so everyone can appreciate their creativity. Afterward, give out awards to the bikes with the top decorations.

Spoon race

Have kids race while balancing a small water balloon on a large wooden spoon. The first person to reach the finish line without dropping the balloon wins.

Driveway bowling

Add a scoop of sand to each of 10 empty two-liter soda bottles. Arrange them in a triangle at the end of a driveway, and have players try to knock them down by rolling a playground ball at them.

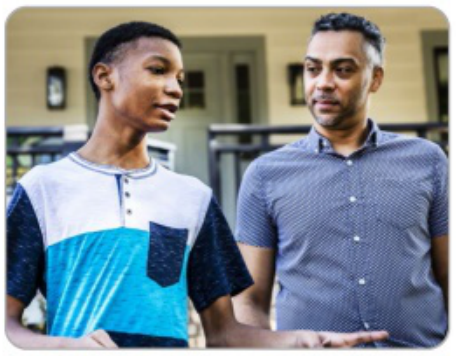
Photo booth

Place fun accessories and a disposable or Polaroid camera in an area where groups of people can put them on and take pictures of themselves together. After the party, share the photos with the group.

TRY TO LEARN FROM A MISTAKE

Everyone makes mistakes sometimes. The key is to try to learn from what happened so you can avoid it next time. Here are some steps to follow.

1. **Take responsibility.** It might be tempting to blame others, but it's smarter to admit you made a mistake. You could tell a parent, coach, or other adult what happened. They can help you decide on the next step, such as apologizing.
2. **Consider solutions.** What could you do better next time? Brainstorm ideas on your own or with an adult. For example, if you hurt someone's feelings because you were frustrated, next time you could take three deep breaths before answering them. Or if you didn't put your laundry away when asked, you could create a reminder for yourself for next time.
3. **Move on.** Now that you have taken action, you can move on and not worry about it. The most important thing you can do is try your best to do better next time.



DID YOU KNOW?
At the annual La Tomatina festival in Spain, thousands of people smash and throw more than 150,000 tomatoes at one another.

WARNING!
Ask an adult's permission before using the oven.

Make tomato cheddar toasties

Ingredients

- 2 thick-cut slices ciabatta bread
- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- 1 medium tomato, chopped (about a cup)
- ½ cup shredded cheddar cheese
- ½ teaspoon dried oregano
- Kosher salt
- Black pepper

Instructions

1. Heat the oven to 400° F. Arrange the bread slices on a baking sheet and drizzle each slice with 1 teaspoon olive oil. Top each with half the chopped tomato, followed by half the shredded cheddar cheese.
2. Toast the bread in the oven until the cheese is melted and bread is crisped around the edges, about 7 minutes. With an adult's help, remove the toasties from the oven and transfer each to a plate.
3. Sprinkle each slice with half the oregano and season with salt and pepper. Eat immediately. Makes 2 servings.

ECO TIP OF THE WEEK
PACK A LUNCH THAT IS WASTE-FREE

If you pack your lunch, consider thinking about the bags and containers you use. The more of those items that are reusable, the more trash is kept out of landfills. Start by asking an adult if you can get a reusable lunch bag. Look for a sturdy one that can last for more than one school year. Now take a look at the containers you put your food in. Aim to trade disposable plastic bags for reusable containers made of metal or plastic. If you need a fork or spoon, bring one from home that you don't throw away. Finish off your lunch with a reusable water bottle, too. Wash the items after school so they're ready for the next day.

Choose containers you can reuse.

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Word search

Can you find all these words about bowling in the grid? They are hidden horizontally, vertically, or diagonally and can be forward or backward. When you're done, read the remaining letters to get a bonus message.

ALLEY
BALL RACK
BUMPERS
FINGER HOLES
FRAME
GAME
GRIP
GUTTER
LANE
PINS
ROLL
SCORE
SEATS
SHOE RENTAL
SPARE
SPLIT
STRIKE
SWEEP BAR
THROW
WOOD

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ANSWERS CAN BE FOUND ON PAGE 29.

FOUR IN A ROW

Place four of the letters below to complete the first pair of words, in the same order in both words. Use the remaining four letters to complete the second pair of words, in the same order in both words.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H

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_ LAT _ RE _ _

FILL IN THE BLANKS

Fill in the blanks in each sentence with two words so the second word is the same as the first word with one letter dropped, like THROUGH and THOUGH.

1. I drank a lot of water with my spicy dinner, but I was _ _ _ _ _ _ _ again _ _ _ _ _ _ minutes later!
2. There's a funny _ _ _ _ _ _ _ of a dancing cow on the side of the milk _ _ _ _ _ _.
3. The orchard uses a machine that automatically _ _ _ _ _ _ _ protective oils to the trees to keep all the _ _ _ _ _ _ looking red and delicious.

Out of order

The numbers 1 to 9 can fit, one per square, so that no two consecutive numbers are in squares that touch in any way, even at a corner. Use the numbers already given to figure out where the rest of the numbers go. (NEED A HINT? Check the bottom of the page.)

2	6	
		4

Spot the difference

These two pictures of tiger cubs appear to be the same, but take a closer look. There are actually five differences. Can you see them?

PUZZLES BY PUZZABILITY

Out of order hint: The only place the 5 can go is in the lower lefthand box.

That's unbelievable!

Real or fake?

Was surfing the event of the season?

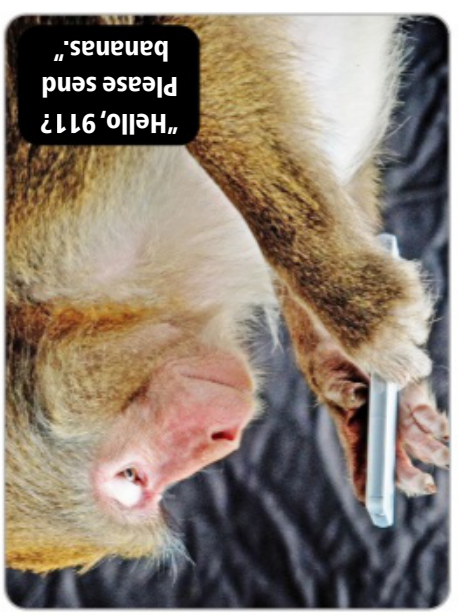
Venice's new wave of tourists

In an effort to boost tourism, the city of Venice, Italy, invited surfers to hang 10 at its world-famous Grand Canal. Two daring people answered the call in style. They surfed the legendary waterway with motorized surfboards, dodging bridges and "water taxi" boats. Their antics thrilled crowds and delighted city officials, who were excited to bring attention to the city. Is this story real, or are you not gondola believe it?*

The seafood surprise

A little monkey business

Police officers went to investigate after receiving a mysterious 911 call from inside a California zoo. When they arrived, they found that a capuchin monkey named Route had picked up an unattended phone and placed the call. "We're told capuchin monkeys are very inquisitive and will grab anything and everything and just start pushing buttons," the sheriff's department posted on social media. The zoo added, "You never know what might happen!"


"Hello, 911? Please send bananas."

Finding a hidden gem

While dining with family at a Delaware restaurant, Scott Overland discovered a startling treasure. One of the clams in his appetizer contained a small round object that looked like a bead. In fact, it was a rare purple pearl—about a one-in-10-million find. Experts think the pearl could be worth thousands of dollars, but Overland said he might hold onto it as a

Who says you have to save dessert for last?

Serving up a candy sandwich

A strange new sandwich has arrived at Kauffman Stadium, home of the Kansas City Royals baseball team. Its bun is filled with pulled pork, barbecue sauce, bacon bits—and Reese's peanut butter cups. The candy creation is part of a new program, called Dare to Pair, that celebrates unlikely food combinations at baseball stadiums across the country. So far, Kansas City's mix of salty and sweet flavors has received mixed reviews on social media. Some taste-testers gave it two (surprised) thumbs up while others said the experiment went too far.

*Fake! The tourists were not invited to surf—they did it illegally, and the city's mayor was not happy about it. The pair were fined more than $1,500, and their motorized surfboards were taken away.

All aboard the Doggie School Bus

Children are heading back to school after summer break—and so are their dogs. In Oregon, the Doggie School Bus picks up pups and takes them to a doggy day care center, where they get attention during the day while their families are at work or school. So many people wanted to enroll their pets at Arat Montoya's center that he decided to convert a van into a yellow "school bus" to collect all the dogs. Montoya drives between 20 and 30 dogs a day and said the pooches are always excited to climb aboard.

Dogs wait to board the bus.

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Your turn

Editor's note

One of our goals at *The Week Junior* is to publish stories about young people doing amazing things—and this issue is packed with them. You can read about Mack Rutherford, the 17-year-old pilot who made history with his solo flight around the world (p3); Maxwell Frost, who won an election in Florida and, at age 25, could become the first person of his generation to hold office as a member of the US House of Representatives (p5); the 10- to 12-year-old players on the team from Hawaii who won the Little League Baseball World Series (p18); and Liya Chu, who won the *Master Chef Junior* competition at age 10 (and is interviewed on p21 by Olivia, a 9-year-old member of our Junior Council). I am so impressed by all of them! Our offices will be closed for the next week, but we will be back the week after that to bring you more amazing stories in Issue 127.

Andrea Barbalich
Editor-in-Chief

CHARITY OF THE WEEK

Wounded Warrior Project

This organization assists veterans and service members who were wounded while serving in the military. It advocates for public aid, raises awareness of the importance of supporting veterans, and helps veterans enjoy civilian life. It offers an athletics program for injured veterans and connects veterans with resources in their local communities. Find out more at woundedwarriorproject.org.

WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT®

Arranging flowers to raise funds

Penny, 8, Texas

"This summer I wanted to help my local animal shelter, which was at capacity for dogs. I started Penny's Posies, and every morning my mom and I went out to pick flowers in our backyard garden to make bouquets. My mom helped me advertise in our neighborhood. I sold 26 bouquets, and many people gave extra donations. I raised $740 in less than three weeks! The money went toward helping animals that need extra medical care. I had so much fun! I got a tour of the animal shelter and I even got to hold a snake!"

Have you done something interesting or raised money for a cause you care about? Whatever you're up to, we want to hear about it at *hello@theweekjunior.com.*

JOKE OF THE WEEK

What animal do you often hear at school drop-off?

"Bi-son!"

NATIONWIDE CONTEST OPPORTUNITY

Would you like to build an experiment for NASA, the US space agency? Now's your chance! The NASA TechRise Student Challenge is accepting entries. US students in grades 6–12 are invited to form a team (with at least four students and one team leader, such as a teacher) and develop an experiment. A total of 60 teams will receive $1,500 each to build their proposed experiment. The deadline to apply is October 24, and winners will be announced in January 2023. Find out more, including how to apply, at futureengineers.org/nasatechrise.

THE WEEK Junior IT'S YOUR TURN Email your news, views, and photos to *hello@theweekjunior.com.*

Your turn

YOUR PHOTOS

We'd love to see pictures you've taken or pictures with you in them! Send them to us at *hello@theweekjunior.com*, along with anything you'd like to tell us about what's in the photo.

"I love to read and write stories, and I also enjoy sewing. These were all hand sewn by me." Aiden, 12, California

"There is no better beach read than *The Week Junior*!" Tara, 9, Virginia

"I was glad to have my *Week Junior* for rainy vacation days on the River Shannon in Ireland." Jack, 8, Massachusetts

Teacher OF THE WEEK

Teacher's Name: **Ms. Beth**

School: **Bloom Learning Community**

"Ms. Beth always makes it easy to understand any subject we're learning and makes learning interesting and fun. She is also my mom, and she started my school with a friend. She's kind and nice to everyone and always includes people. She loves learning, and she takes us on exciting field trips and makes us smile! I love her so much, and she is probably the nicest person in the world!"

Sabina, 9, Ohio

Nominate your teacher for Teacher of the Week! Send your reason for the nomination, a photo of your teacher, and your school's name and address to *hello@theweekjunior.com*.

Puzzle answers (from page 26)

Four in a row
exchange, teaching
surfboard, flatbread

Fill in the blanks
1. thirsty, thirty
2. cartoon, carton
3. applies, apples

Word search
Unused letters: Making three strikes in a row is called a turkey.

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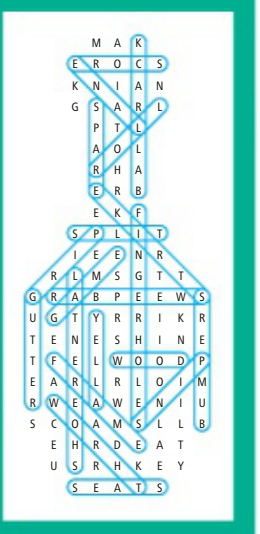

Quiz answers (from page 30)

1 c) 15 **2** True **3** Purple **4** b) 1901 **5** False. Yellowstone National Park was first. **6** Walk **7** c) 2035 **8** Zoe **9** c) Pacific Ocean **10** True **11** Four **12** False. It is about 61%. **13** b) Nepal **14** b) 10 **15** Cardboardia

POPJAM

Sign up and follow @theweekjuniorus on PopJam, a social media platform for kids 7–12. Ask an adult to download the app from iTunes or Google Play.

We asked: If you could introduce a new subject in school, what would it be?

"Cultures! It would be great to know about different customs and diversity."

"Learning about plants and nature."

"I would introduce a hairstylist class."

"Languages of the world."

"Design."

In the big debate, we asked: Should take-out apps be banned?

"No. If you don't have a car, it is very helpful."

"It's convenient, but restaurants that don't want to don't have to."

"My family loves ordering takeout!"

"You can get your food quicker if you are in a rush."

Now tell us: What is your favorite sandwich and why?

We want to hear from you! To have your letters, photos, nominations, recommendations, or ideas considered for inclusion in the magazine, please include your full name, age, and state with your submission. By emailing your submission to us, you give *The Week Junior* consent to publish it in the magazine and online. Please get your parent/guardian's permission before sending anything to us.

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Quiz of the week

How much of this issue's news can you remember?

1 In the fantasy novel *Windswept*, the main character lives in a town where children can't go outside until they are what age?

a) 10 b) 13 c) 15

a ☐ b ☐ c ☐

2 True or false? Pangolins are the world's only mammals with scaly skin.

True ☐ False ☐

3 What color pearl did a man eating dinner at a Delaware restaurant find inside a clam?

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4 In what year was the first recipe for a peanut butter and jelly sandwich published in the US?

a) 1837 b) 1901 c) 1924

a ☐ b ☐ c ☐

5 True or false? Yosemite National Park was the world's first national park.

True ☐ False ☐

6 What did a robotic dog named Morti teach itself to do?

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7 California will ban all sales of new gasoline-powered cars by what year?

a) 2026 b) 2030 c) 2035

a ☐ b ☐ c ☐

8 What name did the city of Seville, Spain, give to a heat wave in July?

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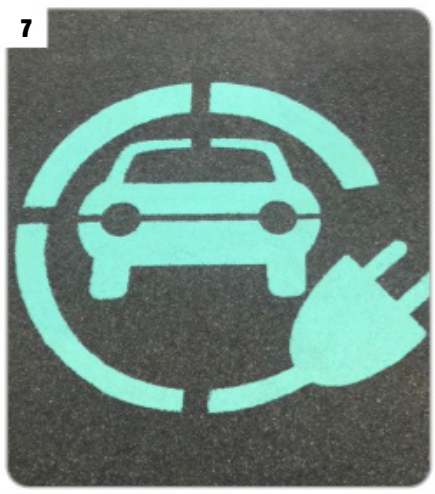

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9 A rare creature that could be a new species was recently spotted in which ocean for the first time?

a) Atlantic Ocean

b) Indian Ocean

c) Pacific Ocean

a ☐ b ☐ c ☐

10 True or false? Kenan Thompson is the longest-running member of the cast on the comedy show *Saturday Night Live*.

True ☐ False ☐

11 How many Little League Baseball World Series titles has Hawaii won?

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12 True or false? About 42% of US middle schools have a dress code.

True ☐ False ☐

13 Since 2009, the number of tigers living in what country has nearly tripled?

a) China b) Nepal c) Russia

a ☐ b ☐ c ☐

14 How old was Liya Chu when she won the Fox cooking competition series *Master Chef Junior*?

a) 9 b) 10 c) 13

a ☐ b ☐ c ☐

15 The video game RPG: The Legend of Wright takes place in what land created by a fictional 10-year-old?

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